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Mid-August Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of August showed increases for all barley, malt barley, dry beans, all wheat, beef cattle, steers and heifers, and calves. Price declines were recorded for cows and all milk. Prices were unchanged for alfalfa hay, feed barley and potatoes.

Nationally, the Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in August, at 139 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 2 points (1.4 percent) from July. Producers received higher commodity prices for wheat, cattle, strawberries, and broccoli. Lower prices were received for onions, corn, broilers, and eggs.



Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, August 2006-August 2007

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		August 2006	July 2007	August 2007 ^{1/}	August 2006	July 2007	August 2007	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	118.00	140.00	140.00	109.00	137.00	137.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	3.00	3.44	3.60	2.70	3.45	3.57	47
Feed	Bu.	2.26	3.45	3.45	2.06	3.22	3.65	--
Malting	Bu.	3.29	3.44	3.60	2.97	3.48	3.53	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	18.10	22.70	23.10	19.50	28.50	26.40	46
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	6.70	5.80	5.80	8.23	8.48	7.98	46
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	9.00	5.90	--	14.54	11.33	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	5.50	5.70	--	5.26	6.36	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.58	5.34	5.79	3.91	5.17	5.85	53
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	79.90	81.50	85.60	87.20	89.20	90.50	42
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	45.00	51.50	48.40	46.80	51.40	51.50	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	87.60	90.40	93.80	91.50	93.10	94.40	--
Calves	Cwt.	124.00	113.00	114.00	136.00	127.00	129.00	42
Lambs	Cwt.	87.00	100.00	--	95.40	98.60	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	11.20	20.00	19.50	12.00	21.70	21.70	55 ^{7/}

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	July 2006	August 2006	July 2007		August 2007 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	117	119	142	141	139
Prices Paid	149	149	158	158	158
Ratio ^{1/}	79	80	90	89	88

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

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Idaho Potatoes – Production 2005-2006

Final disposition numbers show Idaho's 2006 potato crop totaling 129 million cwt, an increase of 5.8 percent from earlier estimates. Field run yield of 386 cwt is 15 cwt more than the previous estimate and 12 cwt more than the previous record set in 2004. Harvested area for the 2006 crop was 334,000 acres, up 6,000 acres from the previous estimate. The first production estimates for the 2007 fall potato crop will be available on November 9, 2007.

POTATOES: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 2005 AND 2006

SEASONAL GROUP AND STATE	2005 CROP				2006 CROP			
	AREA		YIELD PER HARVESTED ACRE	PRODUCTION	AREA		YIELD PER HARVESTED ACRE	PRODUCTION
	PLANTED	HARVESTED			PLANTED	HARVESTED		
	1,000 Acres		Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Acres		Cwt	1,000 Cwt
Winter	20.0	19.8	247	4,892	17.7	17.5	257	4,495
Spring	68.0	66.7	281	18,724	70.7	67.5	293	19,766
Summer	53.4	51.4	342	17,567	58.0	53.9	337	18,166
Fall								
California	7.6	7.6	435	3,306	8.6	8.6	450	3,870
Colorado	58.2	58.0	395	22,910	59.9	59.7	380	22,686
IDAHO, ALL	325.0	323.0	366	118,288	335.0	334.0	386	128,915
10 SW Co	21.0	21.0	470	9,870	21.0	21.0	475	9,975
Other Areas	304.0	302.0	359	108,418	314.0	313.0	380	118,940
Maine	57.5	56.2	275	15,455	58.5	58.0	310	17,980
Massachusetts	2.5	2.4	260	624	3.1	3.1	240	744
Michigan	43.0	42.8	325	13,910	43.5	43.0	330	14,190
Minnesota	46.0	43.0	410	17,630	51.0	48.0	425	20,400
Montana	10.7	10.6	325	3,445	10.6	10.5	335	3,518
Nebraska	19.5	19.4	425	8,245	19.5	19.4	450	8,730
Nevada	5.5	5.5	425	2,338	6.6	6.6	445	2,937
New Mexico	4.7	4.2	420	1,764	5.0	5.0	420	2,100
New York	20.5	20.1	260	5,226	20.6	19.0	300	5,700
North Dakota	92.0	82.0	250	20,500	100.0	98.0	260	25,480
Ohio	3.7	3.6	240	864	3.3	3.1	325	1,008
Oregon, ALL	37.3	37.1	594	22,023	35.0	35.0	530	18,533
Malheur Co.	3.8	3.8	450	1,710	3.5	3.5	435	1,523
Other Areas	33.5	33.3	610	20,313	31.5	31.5	540	17,010
Pennsylvania	11.5	11.0	250	2,750	11.0	10.5	260	2,730
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	210	105	0.5	0.5	260	130
Washington	154.0	154.0	620	95,480	156.0	155.0	580	89,900
Wisconsin	68.0	68.0	410	27,880	66.0	66.0	445	29,370
TOTAL FALL	967.7	949.0	403	382,743	993.7	983.0	406	398,921
UNITED STATES	1,109.1	1,086.9	390	423,926	1,140.1	1,121.9	393	441,348

Sugarbeet Production Down

Idaho's 2007 crop sugarbeet production is forecast to be 5.09 million tons, up 2 percent from the August forecast, but down 14 percent from a year ago. Yield of 30.5 tons per acre is down from 2006's record high 31.7 tons per acre. Harvested acreage is expected to total 167,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from 2006.

United States' sugarbeet production for 2007 is forecast at 30.1 million tons, 1 percent above the August forecast but 12 percent below last year's production of 34.1 million tons. Growers expect to harvest 1.24 million acres, down 5 percent from last year. The yield is forecast at 24.2 tons per acre, down 1.9 tons from the 2006 record high yield.

Sugarbeets: Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production, Idaho & U.S., 2006 and Forecasted 2007

State	Harvested Acreage		Yield			Production		2007 as a Percent of 2006
	2006	2007	2006	2007		2006	2007	
				Aug 1	Sep 1			
	Thousand Acres		Tons			Thousands Tons		Percent
California	43.1	39.1	36.1	35.4	35.4	1,556	1,384	89
Colorado	38	29.3	23.4	24	25.4	889	744	84
Idaho	187	167	31.7	29.8	30.5	5,928	5,094	86
Michigan	154	149	23.2	21	21.5	3,573	3,204	90
Minnesota	477	475	24.9	22.6	22.4	11,877	10,640	90
Montana	48.5	47	27	25	26	1,310	1,222	93
Nebraska	57.8	44.5	23.3	21.5	23.3	1,347	1,037	77
North Dakota	243	247	26	23.2	23	6,318	5,681	90
Oregon	13.1	11	30.1	28.4	30.6	394	337	86
Washington	2	2	37	38	38	74	76	103
Wyoming	40.1	30.5	19.9	21	22	798	671	84
United States	1,303.6	1,241.4	26.1	24	24.2	34,064	30,090	88

U.S. Dairy Products July 2007 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 795 million pounds, 2.6 percent above July 2006 and 0.6 percent above June 2007.

Italian type cheese production totaled 335 million pounds, 4.6 percent above July 2006, but 0.6 percent below June 2007.

American type cheese production totaled 322 million pounds, 1.6 percent below July 2006 but 2.1 percent above June 2007.

Butter production was 115 million pounds 21.8 percent above July 2006 and 5.2 percent above June 2007.

Dry Milk Powders: (comparisons with July 2006)

Nonfat dry milk, human --- 121 million pounds, up 36.7 percent.

Skim milk powders --- 19.2 million pounds, down 37.8 percent.

Whey Products: (comparisons with July 2006)

Dry whey, total --- 95.2 million pounds, up slightly.

Lactose, human and animal --- 64.4 million pounds, up 6.7 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total --- 33.3 million pounds, down 6.7 percent.

Frozen Products: (comparisons with July 2006)

Ice cream, Regular (hard) --- 86.2 million gallons, down 2.7 percent.

Ice cream, Lowfat (total) --- 40.0 million gallons, up 5.8 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 5.27 million gallons, up 7.8 percent

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 5.75 million gallons, down 9.8 percent.

Idaho Apple, Prune and Plum Production

Idaho is expecting an apple crop of 45 million pounds, down 25 percent from last year and 36 percent below 2005. Idaho orchards experienced several freezes in early April, reducing the yield potential of the states' orchards. Prune and plum production in Idaho is expected to total 2,000 tons, unchanged from the previous two years.

The U.S. apple forecast for the 2007 crop year is 9.28 billion pounds, down 7 percent from last year and 4 percent below 2005. Extreme weather conditions across most of the United States, from spring freezes to summer drought, have had a significant impact on apple production. Washington production, which makes up 58 percent of the U.S. total, is forecast at 5.40 billion pounds, down 4 percent from last year and 5 percent below 2005.

Apples, Commercial: Total Production, Selected States and United States, 2005 – 2006 and Forecasted August 1, 2007

State	2005	2006	2007
Million Pounds			
Arizona	22.2	30.1	23.0
California	355.0	355.0	340.0
Colorado	31.0	15.0	15.0
Connecticut	15.5	17.5	20.5
Georgia	14.0	13.0	3.0
Idaho	70.0	60.0	45.0
Illinois	49.0	52.5	10.0
Indiana	50.0	55.0	30.0
Maine	31.0	23.5	40.0
Maryland	41.0	34.0	33.0
Massachusetts	28.5	32.0	36.5
Michigan	760.0	850.0	790.0
Minnesota	22.0	23.0	24.0
Missouri	49.0	53.0	5.0
New Hampshire	21.0	28.5	27.0
New Jersey	45.0	45.0	42.0
New York	1,045.0	1,250.0	1,290.0
North Carolina	130.0	173.0	50.0
Ohio	99.0	102.0	55.0
Oregon	145.0	150.0	145.0
Pennsylvania	500.0	470.0	455.0
Utah	38.0	10.0	25.0
Vermont	33.0	36.0	33.0
Virginia	250.0	220.0	200.0
Washington	5,700.0	5,650.0	5,400.0
West Virginia	87.0	90.0	80.0
Wisconsin	52.0	65.0	62.0
United States	9,704.9	9,931.7	9,284.7

Prunes and Plums: Total Production by State and 4-State Total, 2005 – 2006 and Forecasted August 1, 2007

State	2005	2006	2007
Tons			
Idaho	2,000	2,000	2,000
Michigan	2,000	3,600	3,500
Oregon	1,500	10,500	4,000
Washington	3,600	5,400	4,200
4-State Total	9,100	21,500	13,700